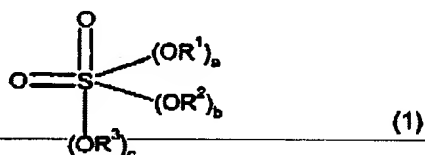


IN THE CLAIMS

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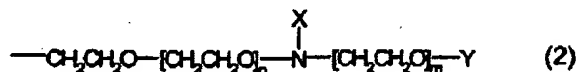
1. (Original) A mixture of sulfuric esters of formula (1)



wherein

$\text{R}^1$  is an aliphatic radical having 1 to 30 carbon atoms,

$\text{R}^2$  is a radical of formula (2)



wherein

$n$  is an integer from 0 to 30,

$m$  is an integer from 1 to 29,

$\text{X}$  is an aliphatic radical having 4 to 24 carbon atoms, and

$\text{Y}$  is H or  $\text{SO}_2(\text{OM})$ , where M represents hydrogen, alkali metal, ammonium, mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra( $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_6\text{-alkyl}$ )ammonium, or mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra( $\text{C}_2\text{--C}_6\text{-alkanol}$ )ammonium ions,

$\text{R}^3$  is a radical of formula (3)



wherein

$p$  is an integer from 4 to 35,

$\text{R}^4$  is H, methyl, ethyl, phenyl, or mixtures of H and methyl, and

$\text{Z}$  is H, methyl, ethyl, or  $\text{SO}_2(\text{OM})$ , where M represents hydrogen, alkali metal, ammonium, mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra( $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_6\text{-alkyl}$ )ammonium, or mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra( $\text{C}_2\text{--C}_6\text{-alkanol}$ )ammonium ions, and

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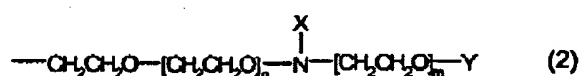
a, b, and c are identical or different and are 0, 1, or 2, with the proviso that a+b+c is 2,

obtained by reacting sulfuryl chloride with a mixture of the alcohols  $R^1OH$ ,  $R^2OH$ , and  $R^3OH$ , wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  have the same meanings as for formula (1) except that Y is exclusively hydrogen and Z is hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl.

2. (Previously Presented) A mixture of sulfuric esters according to Claim 1 wherein

$R^1$  is an aliphatic radical having 4 to 30 carbon atoms,

$R^2$  is a radical of formula (2)



wherein

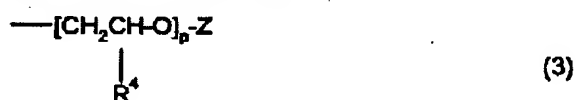
n is an integer from 0 to 10,

m is an integer from 1 to 10,

X is an aliphatic radical having 12 to 24 carbon atoms, and

Y is H or  $\text{SO}_2(\text{OM})$ , where M independently represents hydrogen, alkali metal, ammonium, mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra( $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_6\text{-alkyl}$ )ammonium, or mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra( $\text{C}_2\text{--C}_6\text{-alkanol}$ )ammonium ions,

$R^3$  is a radical of formula (3)



wherein

p is an integer from 4 to 35,

$R^4$  is H or methyl, and

Z is H, methyl, ethyl, or  $\text{SO}_2(\text{OM})$ , where M independently represents hydrogen, alkali metal, ammonium, mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra( $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_6\text{-alkyl}$ )ammonium, or mono-, di-, tri-, or tetra( $\text{C}_2\text{--C}_6\text{-alkanol}$ )ammonium ions, and

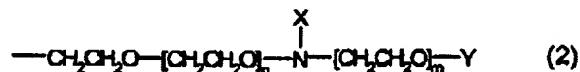
a, b, and c are identical or different and are 0, 1, or 2, with the proviso that a+b+c is

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3. (Original) A mixture of sulfuric esters according to Claim 1 wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is an aliphatic radical having 8 to 20 carbon atoms,R<sup>2</sup> is a radical of formula (2)

wherein

n is an integer from 0 to 5,

m is an integer from 1 to 5,

X is an aliphatic radical having 16 to 22 carbon atoms, and

Y is H,

R<sup>3</sup> is a radical of formula (3)

wherein

p is an integer from 9 to 22,

R<sup>4</sup> is H, and

Z is H, and

a, b, and c are identical or different and are 0, 1, or 2 with the proviso that a+b+c is

2.

4-9 (Canceled)

10. (Original) An organic or aqueous-organic formulation comprising 25 to 70% by weight of a mixture of sulfuric esters according to Claim 1.

11. (Original) An organic or aqueous-organic formulation according to Claim 10 wherein the organic component of the formulation comprises one or more organic solvents selected from the group consisting of mono-, di-, and oligoethylene

glycols, oligopropylene glycols, and oligoethylene/ propylene glycols, and mono- and diethers thereof.

12- 21. (Canceled)

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